

Royal Consolidated Gold Mine and Mills,  
Hoisting Works  
Madam Felix-Hodson Mining District  
4.0 Air Miles Northwest of Copperopolis  
Copperopolis Vicinity  
Calaveras County  
California

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Location: Madam Felix-Hodson Mining District (see HAER No. CA-76), 4.0 air miles northwesterly from Copperopolis, Calaveras County, California

UTM: 10.702810.4208135  
Quad: Salt Spring Valley, California

Date of Construction: 1903

Engineer: John Charles Kemp van Ee

Builder: Royal Consolidated Mines (California) Company, Ltd.

Present Owner: Meridian Gold Company  
P.O. Box 190  
Copperopolis, CA 95228

Present Use: Archaeological remains to be largely removed by excavation for large open-pit gold mine.

Significance: The Royal Consolidated 120-stamp mill replaced the older 40-stamp Pine Log Mill for processing ore from the Royal mine. Constructed at the top of a knoll, with 60 stamp batteries arranged back-to-back on each side, it was the largest mill in the State at the time of its construction. The mill was also one of the first to use concrete bases for mounting stamps. The mill ran at capacity for only a few years and then operated sporadically through 1946. The Royal mill is part of the Madam Felix-Hodson Mining District.

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NOTE: For complete history, see Royal Consolidated Gold Mine and Mills, HAER No. CA-81